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For: SURGICAL SYSTEM AND PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT OF MEDICALLY REFRACTORY ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Application Elements:

- Specification (51 pages); 20 claims on pages 48-50.
- Thirty-six (36) sheets of formal drawings.
- Copy of Oath or Declaration from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) with Power of Attorney.
- Incorporation By Reference: the entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Oath or Declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- The prior application is assigned of record to: EPICARDIA, INC.
- A verified Statement to Establish Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §1.9 and 37 CFR §1.27 & 1.28 was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.
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